



# CRAFTING FAMILY TIME



Vincent makes puppet with help of Lucrecia Novoa (top photo, c.). Photo by Enid Alvarez/Daily News

## Artful Westchester Square workshops for young & old

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EVERY THIRD third Saturday of the month, the Huntington Free Library in Westchester Square transforms into an arts and crafts wonderland for kids — and kids at heart.

The library plays host to free craft workshops sponsored by the Bronx Council on the Arts.

Led by professional artists, participants get to make such novelties as crocheted flower pins and hand puppets — even jewelry.

“For the last three years, these workshops have been bringing families together in a fun arts setting,” Ellen Pollan, BCA’s deputy director. “Parents and their kids get to spend quality time creating a range of fun, personalized items.”

These workshops are part of an ongoing effort to revitalize the Westchester Square neighborhood, Pollan added.

On Saturday, artist Laura Alvarez will help participants create greeting cards for Valentine’s Day. The designs will be based on Russian dolls.

“I’ve really tried to make it fun and easy for everyone,” Alvarez said. “I’ve also added a little bit of culture, so that maybe everyone can learn something and have fun at the same time.”

The free craft workshops run from October to April.

All of the artists are part of professionals from the art council’s Artisans Collective.

Upcoming sessions include mask-making with artist Lucrecia Novoa in February; recyclable art with artist Star Nigro in March, and Mother’s Day gift-making with artist Denise Shellein April.

The greeting cards workshop will run from 12:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Huntington Free Library, 9 Westchester Square.

For information, visit [bronx-arts.org](http://bronx-arts.org) or call (718) 931-9500.